

Riverside Church School of Music

GUITAR & DRUM INSTRUCTORS:

David Neese	Chris Barrett	Blake Welhouse
Guitar	Guitar/Piano	Guitar
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When I was 12, everyone in my family had to learn an instrument: I chose guitar. I took formal lessons for 2

years, and intermittently during high school. I accompanied our HS choir, and played acoustic in a cover band & at coffee shopes for 3 years in college. Once a career kept me busy I played for enjoyment, continuing lessons to improve my knowledge & learn new skills. We moved to St. Cloud in 1992 and I began playing in the worship team at church; in 2019 we came to Riverside & I started playing here. I enjoy teaching, coaching youth soccer & football, and volunteered in Cub Scouts. I also taught surgical residents, and designed curricula for hospitals. I look forward to helping students learn to play guitar.



Chris has been serving in music ministry for over 10 years in various positions. He has a deep passion for music and worship and desires to see people encounter God through that. His experience in teaching goes back to high school where he began teaching piano. From there, he went on to also teach guitar, drums, and voice. He received his Bachelor's degree in Church Music and Worship from Azusa Pacific University in Los Angeles, CA. Chris is a dynamic teacher who loves seeing his students thrive and discover a new joy for music in their lives.



Blake has been playing for over 15 years. He started serving on a worship team when he was 12 and has played in many venues. (festivals, farmer's markets) He has been teaching guitar for 3 years and directed multiple music groups. While Blake enjoys teaching students songs, he is passionate about helping them create healthy habits that will grow them as musicians.

Adam Schnell Guitar

515-208-7987

Daren Storey Drums

612-710-2415



Adam Schnell has been playing guitar from a young age, learning from various music schools as well as self-taught. He enjoys a wide variety of music genres and enjoys working with students to find what they enjoy in music. He started playing with his church after coming to youth group and becoming a Christian and soon learned the joy of playing with others for a purpose. He teaches beginner and intermediate guitar and various learning goals.



Daren has found himself in almost every musical situation possible. Rock bands, jazz bands, orchestra, and country, concert band, marching band and pep band. Daren majored in music

education while at NDSU. He has played in many venues ranging from large-scale rock concerts to small ensemble coffee shop jazz groups—and even done some studio work. He will teach drumming for any style of music. Lesson times can vary depending on the best time for both student and instructor. Please contact me directly.



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PIANO INSTRUCTORS:

Emma Barrett	Brenda Andrews	Chris Barrett
Piano	Piano	Piano/Guitar
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Emma started playing piano at the age of 7 and has been teaching lessons for all ages and

skill levels since college. She received her Bachelor's degree in Music with an emphasis in Church Music and Worship from Azusa Pacific University in Southern California. Whether singing in choir, leading worship, or teaching, Emma's passion for music and her excitement to share it with others is a driving force in her life. Lessons are tailored to the specific skill levels and goals of each student and she looks forward to being part of your musical journey! Lessons times are Monday & Tuesday afternoons.



Brenda has been playing piano since a young age and has been involved in church music for many years. She has given lessons to a variety of ages and skill levels and enjoys encouraging people to use their musical talent for the Lord. Lesson days and times are flexible. Please contact her directly and arrange the best time.



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2023-2024 SCHEDULE:

Lessons begin September 5, 2023

November 23-26 Thanksgiving Break

December 22-Jan. 1 Christmas Break

Spring Break at instructor's discretion

Friday-May 17, 2024 Spring Recital at 6:30pm

LESSON POLICIES:

- 1. Students need to complete the registration form (online at www.MyRC.church/schoolofmusic) on or before their first lesson.
- 2. All teachers and students will follow the School of Music calendar year to maintain consistency and uniformity in the School of Music.
- 3. Tuition is to be paid to the instructor at the first lesson of the month for the entire month in order to ensure that teachers are paid for their services and to encourage students to attend all lessons for the month.
- 4. Students are responsible for the cost of their lesson books and materials.
- 5. If teachers need to cancel a lesson, they will make up the lesson or refund the tuition for that lesson.
- If students need to cancel a lesson, please give the teacher 24 hour notice.
 Missed lessons without advance notification will not be made up or refunded. Exceptions will be made for sickness or emergencies.
- 7. Traditionally there has been a spring recital for the School of Music. All students are strongly encouraged to participate and to invite friends and family. Recitals will be scheduled in the Family Room of the Big Lake campus of Riverside Church.